

Collaborative Report

Exam board meeting: 21-Oct-2025

Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Nursing, 2024/25

Lead examiner: Dr Carol Gray

Collaborating examiner(s): Dr Andrea Jeffery

The Programme

Please comment, as appropriate, on the following aspects of the programme:

1.1 Course content

The course content is appropriate and relevant for advanced veterinary nurses. The content allows them to develop their potential as leaders in practice, with a focus on their area of interest.

Response from college requested: **NO**

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

Thank you for your positive feedback. We're pleased that you found the course content appropriate and relevant for advanced VNs. Our goal is to support their professional growth and leadership development in their specific areas of practice, so your comments affirm that we are on the right track.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

1.2 Learning objectives, and the extent to which they were met

Learning objectives are set at an appropriate level and are fully met via suitable forms of assessment.

Response from college requested: **NO**

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

Thank you for your positive feedback and confirmation that our approach meets the required standards.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

1.3 Teaching methods

All teaching is delivered online. A variety of methods are used including recorded lectures, journal articles, quick reflective pieces and group discussions.

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

Thank you for your acknowledgement and confirmation that our teaching and learning provision meets the required quality standards.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

1.4 Resources (in so far as they affected the assessment)

Resources provided for each unit are supportive of the associated assessments.

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

Thank you for confirming.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

1.5 Please provide any additional comments and recommendations regarding the Programme

Response from college requested: NO

Student performance

Please comment, as appropriate, on:

2.1 Students' performance in relation to those at a similar stage on comparable courses in other institutions, where this is known to you

Students perform at a comparable level to those in other institutions.

Response from college requested: **NO**

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

We appreciate your feedback and are pleased that our practices align with the required expectations and is comparable to other similar courses.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

2.2 Quality of candidates' knowledge and skills, with particular reference to those at the top, middle or bottom of the range

Candidates demonstrate adequate knowledge and skills, even at the bottom of the range. Those in the middle demonstrate good knowledge, while those at the top demonstrate excellent knowledge.

Response from college requested: **NO**

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

Thank you for your thorough evaluation of our learners' work. We appreciate your recognition of the high standards demonstrated, particularly by those at the top, who are showcasing excellent knowledge and performance.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

2.3 Please provide any additional comments and recommendations regarding the students' performance

Response from college requested: **NO**

Assessment Procedures

Please comment, as appropriate, on:

3.1 Assessment methods (relevance to learning objectives and curriculum)

Assessments comprise written coursework and online examinations. These cover the intended learning objectives and curriculum for each unit.

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

Thank you for confirming that our assessment methods meet the required standards and support the intended outcomes.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

3.2 Extent to which assessment procedures are rigorous

Assessment procedures are rigorous.

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

We thank you for your feedback.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

3.3 Consistency of the level of assessment with the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)

Level of assessment is consistent with the FHEQ descriptors for Level 6 (Graduate Certificate) and Level 7 (Postgraduate Certificate).

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

Thank you for confirming that our work meets the required standards of the FHEQ.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

3.4 Standard of marking

Marking is rigorous and adheres to grade descriptors provided. There is evidence of moderation for all assessments.

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

Thank you for your detailed review of our markers' work and approach to marking assessment activities.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

3.5 In your view, are the procedures for assessment and the determination of awards sound and fairly conducted? (e.g. Briefing, Exam administration, marking arrangements, Board of Examiners, participation by External Examiners)

Yes, the procedures for assessment and the determination of awards are sound and fair.

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

Thank you.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

3.6 Opinion on changes to the assessment procedures from previous years in which you have examined

I do not think there have been any changes to assessment procedures from previous years.

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

I agree with the lead examiners comments

COURSE DIRECTOR: Ms Perdi Welsh

Course Director Response:

We can confirm that there have been no changes to the assessment procedures this year. The established processes continue to work well and ensure consistency and fairness in assessment.

Action Required:

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

3.7 Please provide any additional comments and recommendations regarding the procedures

Response from college requested: NO

General Statements

4.1 Comments I have made in previous years have been addressed to my satisfaction

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

4.2 An acceptable response has been made

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

4.3 I approved the papers for the Examination

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

YES

4.4 I was able to scrutinise an adequate sample of students' work and marks to enable me to carry out my duties

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

YES

4.5 I attended the meeting of the Board of Examiners held to approve the results of the Examination

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

I was unable to attend

4.6 Candidates were considered impartially and fairly

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

I was unable to attend

4.7 The standards set for the awards are appropriate for qualifications at this level, in this subject

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

yes

4.8 The standards of student performance are comparable with similar programmes or subjects in other UK institutions with which I am familiar

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

yes

4.9 I have received enough training and support to carry out my role

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

yes

4.10 I have received sufficient information to carry out my role (where information was insufficient, please give details)

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

yes

4.11 Appropriate procedures and processes have been followed

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

yes

4.12 The processes for assessment and the determination of awards are sound

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

Dr A.J

yes

Completion

If you have identified any areas of good practice, please comment more fully here. We may use information provided in our annual external examining report:

5.1 Do you have any suggestions for improvements based on experience at other institutes? We may use information provided in our annual external examining report:

Response from college requested: NO

5.2 External Examiner comments: For College information only (Responses to External Examiners are published on the College's website. Please only use this box to add any comments that you wish to remain confidential, if any)

Response from college requested: NO